



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application : Banerjee et al.
Serial No. : 10/730,962
For : **Catalysts Comprising Ultrafine Particles**
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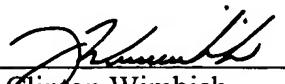
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2006, Applicants elect Invention I drawn to catalysts and smoking articles and corresponding to claims 1-18 and 23-24 for further prosecution in the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement as conducting a search on all the claims would not be unduly burdensome on the Examiner.

A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact J. Clinton Wimbish at 336.607.7399 to discuss any matter relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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